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## **Inmate Death at SMCI under Investigation**

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JACKSON – The Mississippi Department of Corrections is investigating the death of an inmate at South Mississippi Correctional Institution in Greene County.

The death of Offender Howard Payton, #K8118, is being investigated as a homicide. He died around 8:20 p.m. Wednesday. Autopsy results are pending.

Payton, 38, was in prison for kidnapping and three counts of rape in Lamar County. He received a total of 150 years to serve and was sentenced on Jan. 7, 2016.

No further information is being released at this time because of the ongoing investigation.

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